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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. & TITLE: Rule 610-X-3-.06 Deficiencies

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Rule 610-X-3-.06 Deficiencies

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Rule 610-X-3-.06 Deficiencies

The changes reflect defining provisionally approved programs outcome standards within the first fiscal year.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Monday, April 6, 2015. Verbal or written comments may be directed to Peggy Benson, Deputy Director/Interim Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at peggy.benson@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Monday, April 6, 2015.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Peggy Benson, Deputy Director/Interim Executive Officer.

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Deputy Director/Interim Executive Officer

610-X-3-.06 Deficiencies

(1) The Board shall conduct surveys and evaluations as often as necessary to determine compliance with all standards set forth in Chapter 610-X-3.

(2) The Board shall, upon determining that a program is not in compliance with standards set forth in Chapter 610-X-3, provide to the governing institution administrator and nursing program administrator a written notice of deficiencies that establishes a reasonable time, based upon the number and severity of deficiencies, to correct deficiencies.

(3) A nursing education program that receives a Notice of Deficiency from the Board shall establish a written plan within the specified time and provide reports to the Board as requested to document progress in removing deficiency (ies).

(4) The Board shall conduct a hearing for any program that fails to correct identified deficiencies within the time specified by the Board. The Board may:

(a) Withdraw approval from the nursing education program resulting in graduates being ineligible to take the licensing examination.

(b) Continue approval of the nursing education program for a specified time period.

(c) Direct the nursing program administrator to notify students in writing of the Board's decision.

(5) Beginning with Fiscal Year 2015 national licensure examination pass rates, approved nursing education programs that fail to meet the three-year rolling average of 80% for first time writers shall have the following time frame to correct the deficiency:

(a) Registered nursing education programs shall have two years from receipt of the Notice of Deficiency.

(b) Practical nursing education programs shall have one year from receipt of the Notice of Deficiency.

~~(c) Provisionally approved nursing education programs shall have one year from receipt of the Notice of Deficiency.~~

6) Provisionally Approved Programs' outcome standard is based upon the first fiscal year performance of graduates on the national licensure examination. Provisionally approved nursing education programs that fail to meet the outcome standard of 80% shall have a time frame of one year to correct the deficiency from receipt of the Notice of Deficiency .

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-5

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